

CONFLICT OF EVIDENCE

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Marvel colored considerably at this question and seemed confused. After a moment, however, he stammered out:

"Y-e-s, sir, I have seen it."

"When was the last time that you saw it?"

Marvel seemed more than ever troubled, and over Virginia, changed her position and, raising her eyes from the floor, seemed all anxiety. Marvel remained silent so long that Mr. Tupper at length repeated his question. Marvel hesitatingly asked:

"Why do you wish to know?"

"Come, come, Mr. Marvel! That is not to the point. Answer my question. Is it not a simple one?"

"Well, then," desperately, "if I must I must. I confess that I did what many men have done. I stole the medallion and—"

Virginia uttered a cry and started up as though about to speak, but the squire quickly said:

"Sit down, Miss Lewis. You must not interfere now." And she obeyed with a groan.

Mr. Tupper turned to the witness, who was evidently amazed at this little episode, and resumed:

"You had your name engraved on the medallion, did you not?"

"I had my initials put on."

"Precisely. Now let us return to the question. When did you last see this locket?"

"I cannot say exactly. I have it about me at all times."

"Have you it now?"

Virginia made another movement as though to interrupt, but the squire again stopped her. Marvel promptly replied:

"Why, certainly."

"Please let me see it."

Marvel at once put his hand in an inner pocket of his vest, but after a moment's search he drew it out again with a cry of surprise and exclamation:

"I have lost it!" There was a silence for a moment, and Marvel rapidly searched his other pockets, but in vain. At last it seemed that an idea occurred to him suddenly, and he said:

"I am a fool and have been very careless. I remember now that when I changed my clothes at home, after leaving the farm, I did not think of the locket, so it must be at this moment at the bottom of the river."

"Ah! Then you admit that you had it with you that night?"

"Did I not tell you that I have always had it with me since it has been in my possession?"

"Would you recognize it again if you could see it?"

"Certainly."

"Is this it?" He handed Marvel the locket given to him by Virginia. Marvel took it and after looking at it replied:

"Yes, this is the same. Where could you have found it?"

"Can you not surmise?"

"No!"

"Well, then, I will tell you. It was found in the closed fist of the murdered man!"

"Great God! It is impossible!"

"It is true. At least it is true if we can believe Miss Lewis, for it was she who found it."

"Miss Lewis found it? This is terrible!"

The silence which ensued was most profound. Every one could plainly see the importance of this latest development and how, by accidental circumstances, the net was being drawn around the witness. Mr. Barnes himself was considering how strange it was that this young girl, who had not hesitated to destroy evidence which might implicate some one, presumably her lover, should, by the merest chance, have been the very one to produce the most convincing proof against him. The thoughts of all were suddenly disturbed by the voice of Virginia herself, who stood up defiantly and with the mark of strong resolve stamped upon her features. She spoke in measured words, and her voice ached dead to all sense of feeling. Indeed it sounded only like an echo of her natural tones.

"Stop!" said she. "This has gone far enough!"

"What do you mean?" asked the squire quickly, foreseeing that some startling development was at hand.

"I mean that you are wrongfully weaving a web around an innocent man!"

"Ah, then you know who is guilty?"

"I do! I killed my uncle myself!"

This statement naturally caused the wildest excitement. Only two men present seemed not to be surprised. These were Marvel himself and Mr. Barnes. The former dropped into a seat and buried his face in his hands, giving vent to a passionate outburst of grief. The latter remained almost as unmoved as Virginia herself, who stood like a marble image. A slight smile of satisfaction, however, seemed to play about his features. Burrows, who kept his eye intently on the face of his superior, while immensely astonished himself, was convinced of the fact that Mr. Barnes had only heard what he had all along expected. As soon as the commotion caused by Miss Lewis' statement had subsided somewhat Mr. Tupper re-sumed:

"Miss Lewis," said he, "you have just made a most astounding confession. But you may not know that you are not the first who has done so today. This being the case, however, we cannot but accept your words cautiously."

"Do you mean that you doubt my veracity?"

"How can I be sure that you are telling the truth when you accuse yourself of murder?" Virginia bit her lip and was silent.

"Come," continued the lawyer, "take the stand again and repeat under oath what you have just declared."

"What use to be sworn?" replied the girl scornfully. "You would not believe me any more."

"Do you refuse to swear?"

"Oh, no, since you make a point of it." She stepped upon the platform again.

"She will stop at nothing to save her lover," muttered Mr. Barnes under his breath.

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"I do."

"How old did it occur?"

"When I returned from my meeting with Mr. Marvel, I attracted the notice of my uncle, who, coming from his room, knocked on my door and called me into the parlor. I went in, and he asked me where I had been. I told him, he became violent, and we quarreled. My pistol was on the mantel where I had left it, and in a moment of rage I grasped it and fired."

"How was your uncle attired?"

"As he was found, of course."

"Did he die instantly?"

"I do not know. I left the room at once."

"How many times did you fire?"

"Once."

"In making this statement you desire to be believed?"

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"Then show me the piece of paper on which your uncle wrote the name of his murderer and which I am sure you have about you."

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"This paper reads, 'If I am dead in the morning, my murderer is Walter Marvel!' How does that agree with your confession?"

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"How do you know this?" he asked.

"During the quarrel which I had with my uncle he told me of the wound he had received from the lawn and charged my lover with the crime. It was at this moment that, overcome with anger, I shot him."

"When did you find the paper?"

"In the morning. I think I have said enough and will retire!" She stepped from the stand and resumed her seat on one of the benches.

"There is no more evidence to be brought before you, gentlemen," said the district attorney, addressing the jury, "and no more witnesses. Therefore the next step is for you to consider what your verdict shall be. However, I should like to detain you a moment that I may point out one or two things which I think should not be overlooked in rendering your decision. First, there is the matter of the locket. If Miss Lewis tells the truth, how did that trinket come to be in the hand of the dead man, when Mr. Marvel admits that it was in his possession on that night? It is plain that Miss Lewis was ignorant of this latter fact, for otherwise she would have suppressed that, as she evidently at first meant to do with the paper. This brings out another point. It must be remembered that her first and her second stories are widely different and that the second was not uttered until she saw how compromising the medallion had proved to her lover, Mr. Marvel. One more point—her pistol has but one empty chamber in it. She claims that it was on the mantel. Mr. Lewis was seen to fire some weapon from the window. If it was not this one, what has become of the one which he did use?"

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CHAPTER XII

JOHN LEWIS SUPPLIES THE CLEW.

Although the verdict had been anticipated by the majority of those who had been present throughout the examination, all were nevertheless horrified, even though they admitted its justice in consideration of the evidence. There were some, of course, who stoutly maintained that Virginia was innocent, but they were chiefly her most intimate friends. These proclaimed themselves to be in position to judge better than those who did not know her so well. Unhesitatingly they asserted that her whole life and character made it utterly preposterous to harbor a suspicion of a crime of so heinous a nature. Said one, "Does an innocent girl become a hardened criminal in a moment?" But others gravely shook their older heads and readily recalled instances where equally respectable individuals had been proved guilty of murder. After all, horrible as it is to take life, yet, viewed from a certain standpoint, murder is less dishonorable than theft. One who would seem even to tell a lie might yet in anger or under great provocation unhesitatingly send another to his last account. So respectable is scarcely a defense against a charge of murder.

The town of Lee is in Strafford county, and the county seat is Dover. Here the grand jury meets, and here the trial would take place if there should be one. Squire Olney, at the termination of the inquest, therefore declared that Virginia must be taken to Dover on the following day, together with the record of the evidence which would of course be presented to the grand jury. It was decided that she should pass the night at the residence of the squire, who would personally drive over with her early in the morning. The squire in all his lifetime had never been placed in a position so painful to him, if and so trying to all his pride in the morality of his town. It was bad enough to have a murderer, but that the guilty party should be a woman, and she the most respected and admired female in the town, was simply terrible.

Addressing his companion again, he said:

"All that is very true, but suppose that Miss Lewis does not retract?"

"But I tell you she will. Why should she allow herself to suffer the penalty—and such a penalty—when she is innocent?"

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The Mercury.

John P. SANBORN, Editor and Manager.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21, 1897.

The American florists came away in large numbers yesterday. They were cared for right royally by the florists of Newport.

The Walter Baker Chocolate works has been disposed of to a syndicate, the price paid being, it is understood, \$100,000.

Eighty-five per cent. of the sailors in the United States navy are of American birth, and the number of Americans in the army also is increasing. This is the result of making both arms of the service more attractive.

Horses that have been selling in the Northwest for \$2 apiece are now worth \$20 or \$30 for the Alaskan market. The outlook for the noble animal seems better until it is learned that he is eventually used in Alaska for dog meat.

Ex-Gov. Flower of New York says "Let us sit on the coast tails of progress and hoist whoa." That is about what his party have been trying to do for months past, but somehow their seat seems rather insecure just now.

The most encouraging feature of the reports showing the return of business activity is that they come from small as well as large places. When every community finds itself busily employed the professional agitator finds his occupation gone and the country prosperous.

The New York World admits that in the fall elections "the Republicans seem in a fair way to regain their long lost ascendancy in the Senate." There can be no doubt of it if brightening prospects and better government are good electioneering arguments.

It is a great thing for this country, now that there is an existing gold standard of value, that while we have an abundance of silver, \$621,000,000, in the Treasury, we have so limited it that we have the use of both money metals without fear of the depreciation of either.

An inferior quality of money always cheats the earner of wages. Capital knows all the ways and means of guarding against contingencies, and labor has not the chance to do so. The fact that the silver standard of money is everywhere associated with impoverishment, servile labor tells the story.

The 50th Triennial convocation of the General Grand Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons of the United States will be held in the city of Baltimore, Md., beginning Tuesday, October 12th, and lasting the rest of the week. The Grand Chapter of Rhode Island will be represented this year for the first time since the war.

The elements have conspired to make things lively in Newport this week. Sunday began with a display of nature's fireworks seldom seen in this region. This was followed upon Monday with a like display and a gigantic down pour of rain. The haystacks that have been consumed this week are well nigh numberless.

The Cleveland "Plain Dealer," a daily Democratic newspaper of Senator Hanna's home, reluctantly admits that there is "some evidence of retarding prosperity." It is moved to this admission by the fact that a single rolling-mill in that place which has been silent for years has started up with 3,000 men at work.

Secretary Sherman's reply to Japan's last note relative to the annexation of Hawaii reiterates the position heretofore taken by him as to the right and propriety of annexation and expresses no policies different from those previously laid down, although marked by most friendly expressions and assurances that Japan's interest in Hawaii shall be fully ascertained.

Some people did not realize until 1870 that half over that prosperity had returned. There are a few persons who think now that the good times may be switched off and delayed for a year or two. Reasonable people, however, laugh at these doubters. The bounding grain and stock markets and the humongous mill-wheels show that the business stagnation is over and the good times are at hand.

The first six months of the McKinley administration is in marked contrast with the corresponding period of the Cleveland administration. Then banks were tumbling, business houses were putting up their shutters, manufacturers closing, farm prices falling, railroads going into the hands of receivers, men were idle everywhere, and strikes and riots were the order of the day. Now the railroads cannot furnish cars enough to move the crops, the prices are good, and the farmers hunting for more help, mills and factories are reopening, banks are complaining only of a plethora of ready money, and general activity and cheerfulness are resuming.

A few weeks ago some of the irresponsible correspondents to the New York papers were making tremendous bows because the Newport tax rate had been increased this year from one dollar and five cents on a hundred dollars to one dollar and ten. The New Yorkers owning property here, it was claimed, would not much longer submit to onerous taxation, etc. These correspondents forgot to mention that New York's tax rate this year is \$8.10 on a \$100, almost double what it is in Newport, and they claim that if enough were assessed to cover past deficiencies and that the rate would have been at least a trifle higher. It is always well to be sure of your facts before sending out too many bows.

An Octogenarian Writer.

Real Estate Sales and Rentals.

We print in this issue the historical summary by W. A. J. (Wm. Alfred Jones), an octogenarian literateur, a native of New York city and resident here for half a century, now living in Norwichtown, Conn. As Mr. Jones is little known to the present generation of readers, especially in this section of the country, we may mention that he is a member of an old New York family, particularly distinguished in the legal annals of the colony and state for nearly a century and a half, including two Judges, father and son, of the Supreme Court of the Colony and three generations since, including several eminent Jurists, the latest deceased, the late Samuel Jones, Jr., a Justice of the Superior Court of New York city and son of Chancellor Jones. The social standing of this family is noticeable, as connected by intermarriages with the Clinchmans, Schuylers, and other historical families of the state and city of New York and Long Island. Of Mr. Jones, the writer of this sketch, notices are to be found in the biographical dictionary, &c., but we may refer particularly to Adibone's Dictionary of Authors and General James Grant Wilson's Bryant and His Friends, (Knickerbocker literature). Four of Mr. Jones' volumes are in the Redwood Library; not one half of the work he has published. He was Librarian of Columbia College, his Alma Mater, 1861-1865; with which institution (now Columbia University) his family, as trustees, officers, and graduates, since 1804, then King's College with a charter from Geo. II, 1761, have been connected for a century.

Insurance Business in Rhode Island.

The annual report of Insurance Commissioner Landers, now in the hands of the printer, makes an excellent business showing, notwithstanding the hard times. At the beginning of 1888 there were 67 companies doing business in this state—30 life companies, transacting a large premium business; 9 assessment life associations, doing a natural premium business; 22 stock casualty companies, and 6 assessment accident associations.

One of the local premium companies withdrew during the year. The remaining 29 show a gain of about 7.2 per cent. in the assets, 7 per cent. in the liability, surplus 0.8 per cent. The income shows a gain over disbursements of \$75,744,409, or about 1.2 per cent. A comparison of the amount of business in force on Dec. 31, 1888, excluding industrial, with the total amount in force when their books were closed for 1889, shows a gain of \$5,403 policies and \$15,632,888 insurance.

From Jan. 1, 1889, to Dec. 31, 1889, the life companies that have been admitted to this State collected from the residents of Rhode Island over \$25,000,000 in premiums, have paid to the beneficiaries of deceased policy holders about \$18,000,000, and to the State in taxes and fees over half a million dollars.

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State Institutions Census.

Petition in the Supreme Court to Wind Up Massachusetts Benefit.

Boston, Aug. 18.—The Massachusetts Benefit Life association of this city, an insurance organization operating since 1878 under the assessment plan and with 35,000 members insured for \$65,000,000, has closed its doors. It owes a little more than \$1,000,000 for death claims.

The company's president has been notified by the insurance department to stop business immediately and to turn over all moneys to a bank or trust company, and the attorney general has been asked to immediately apply to the court for a receiver to close up the company's affairs.

Thus is briefly told the story of the fall of the greatest assessment insurance association of Massachusetts, which marks a turning point in the insurance history of the state.

The directors have prepared a general letter of explanation to policy holders on the condition of affairs. In it they say: "It was decided to suspend the business of the association and to ask the proper authorities to take charge of its affairs. The directors were forced to take this step in view of the very limited response of the assessment members to the regular and extra calls levied under the date of July 1, in conformity with the statutes of this commonwealth." With the letter is a copy of the report and recommendation of the committee on reinsurance, appointed by the directors, Aug. 10, 1887, and says:

The directors very much regret that notwithstanding their utmost efforts to save the association to its members, the existing situation, as they found it, when taking office and the unwillingness of the members to support the association by paying assessments which were absolutely necessary, have rendered these efforts ineffectual.

The report's recommendation is in favor of a New York life insurance company, the best obtainable, taking into consideration the condition of the policy and the standing of the company. It was found impossible to induce any reliable company to assume the whole membership without medical examination. The rates of premium quoted in the report will apply to the members at their present age.

Tennis has become like base ball in one respect. Most people show their interest in it by watching the playing of the professionals instead of playing themselves.

Foster's Weather Bulletin.

St. Joseph, Mo., Aug. 21.—My last bulletin gave forecasts of the storm to cross the continent from 29th to 31st and the next will reach the Pacific coast about September 1st, cross the west of Rockies country by close of 2d, great central valleys 3d to 5th, eastern states 5th.

Warm wave will cross the west of Rockies country about September 1st, great central valleys 3d, eastern states 5th.

Cool wave will cross the west of Rockies country about September 4th, great central valleys 5th, eastern states 5th.

The low of this disturbance will pass through the southern and the high through the northern states which will cause not very high temperatures in the warm wave and quite low temperatures in the cool wave.

Temperature of the week ending 28th of August will average above in the northern and below in the southern states. Not much rain during that week.

General high temperatures will prevail about 26th and 29th of August and heavy rains will follow heaviest in the southern states.

Next week's bulletin will contain general forecasts for September, including rains and northern frosts.

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WASHINGTON MATTERS.

A Contemptible Plot—Contractor Bowles Exonerated—Free Silver No Longer a Battle-Cry—Tariff Notes.

[From our regular Correspondent.]

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18, 1897.

Nothing more contemptible is recorded in the annals of American politics than the plot, for plo. II undoubtedly is, to attempt to force the retirement from the Cabinet of Secretary Sherman by infersing not only his words and acts, but his mental condition. Secretary Sherman was never stronger mentally than he is today, even if it were true that his mental faculties were beginning to feel the advance of age, his long and honorable public service would entitle him to sympathy, in place of the sneers and innuendos which have been and are being cast out to him in the columns of the democratic and assistant democratic press. Of course, everybody knows that the principal object of these political ghouls is to injure the republican party in Ohio at the coming election, but, as the average of intelligence among Ohio voters is as high as that of the voters in any state in the Union, this nasty plot will be more likely to react upon its concoctors than to injure the Republican party or Secretary Sherman. The Ohio voters are likely to have an opportunity to judge for themselves whether the mental faculties of Mr. Sherman are as strong as ever, as he intends making some speech in the state during the campaign, if his health continues as good as it now.

No surprises was felt by those who knew the culminations of the charges made against Contractor Bowles, who is in charge of the Brooklyn Navy Yard, when acting Secretary Roosevelt made public his full approval of the report of Commander C. H. Davis, who made a complete investigation of all the charges against Mr. Bowles. Not only does Mr. Roosevelt approve of the report exonerating Mr. Bowles, but he adds that it was his desire Mr. Bowles was doing his duty so faithfully and conscientiously that attacks were made upon him by those who wished him to do otherwise.

Comment is heard on all sides on the marked declension of all the prominent democrats to talk for free silver. This has been specially noticeable since silver commenced to decline in price again. Among themselves heretofore ardent democratic silverites have not hesitated to express their admiration for the manner in which Boss Gorman hedged on the silver question in the Maryland democratic platform, and there is very little doubt that many of the National democratic leaders regard free silver played out as a battle cry, and are engaged in hunting a new phrase which they can use to bamboozle the voters. The death of the free silver craze is also regarded as the end of the candidacy of Bryan. Meanwhile the country grows daily more prosperous, and the people know that they owe their returning prosperity to the faithfulness with which President McKinley and the republicans in Congress kept the promises made in the last national republican platform, and knowing it are not likely to pay any serious attention to any new experiment that may be proposed by the beaten and demoralized democratic party. A majority of the voters in 1892 trusted the democratic party to their everlasting sorrow and four years of distress, but they won't do it again.

Before rendering the opinion that Secretary Gage has requested as to whether the 10 per cent. discriminating duty provided in the Dingley tariff for good imported from Canada applied to goods from Japan or other foreign countries awarded to an American port but received at that port over a Canadian railroad, Attorney General McKenna, by request, gave verbal hearings on the subject. The Ex-Secretary Carlisle, representing the Boston and Maine railroad; Ex-Assistant Secretary Hamlin, representing the Board of Trade and the Merchant's Association of Boston, and others, who argued against the discriminating duty being applicable to such goods. Attorney General McKenna announced that he would give Massa. Carlisle and Hamlin until Wednesday to file briefs, after which he would render his opinion as early as possible. Secretary Gage will not make a ruling on the question until he gets the Attorney General's opinion.

SENATOR JACOB B. GALLINGER of New Hampshire, the bitter opponent of civil service reform in congress, writes in the August 21 issue of *The Illustrated American* a very significant article on "The Work Spots in Civil Service Reform." There are but few prominent men who have ventured to openly fight this popular reform, and this article is notable as showing the line of serious arguments which are adduced against it.The work of the "Terror" is a thrilling narrative of the life of the United States warship in 1877, illustrated by George Gibbs. The Modern Committee Woman is an extremely funny and yet truthful portrayal of one phase of the "new woman" by Kate Gannett Wells. *The Story—The Bazar-Clancy Campaign*, is unusually interesting.

It is the tale of the tilt between a hegovernor and a she-governor, and how both won.

The receipts of potatoes have been largely at 16 to 18 cents for the best creamery.

It would be difficult now to buy choice northern creamery at less than 18 cents, and fancy Western is held at 16 1/2 cents per pound.

At these prices the demand has been moderate, but receivers feel that the situation is such that quick advantage can be taken of the improved trade that usually begins the latter part of this month, when people are returning to their homes from the country and seashore, and find a need for supplies of butter as well as other food products.

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SUNDAY, AUG. 15.

Maguire of Cambridge, Mass., won the amateur sailing championship at Philadelphia—Pittsburgh railroad investigation about ended; mystery about some papers found in the late Auditor Anthony's desk—American boat Momo won the first International races on the St. Lawrence—Easter routes discovered to the Klondyke—End of Weyler's disastrous campaign in Cuba; Gomez has reached Matanzas province—Eddie McJulian lowered the mile paced record flying start, and Leslie lowered the hour record at Charles River park, Cambridge, Mass.—Philadelph, Mass., excited at the attempt of a divorced woman to abduct her daughter—Child killed by a blow from a ball in a game at East Boston—Bald and Butler won in national meet at Waverly, N. J.—Portsmouth (N. H.) caravanned in honor of the North Atlantic squadron was a great success—Albert Hall, president of Kester & Blal corporation, New York, died—Kansas Populists to abandon free silver and other cardinal principles—Pace Star Pointer lowered his record to 2:01.3 at Port Erie, Ont.—John R. Gentilis paced a mile in 2:06.1 on a half-mile track at Groversville, N. Y.—Boston merchants protest against paying a premium on goods imported through Canada—Vermont oppose invitation to G. A. R. to meet in Richmond—Albert L. King, the famous tenor, died—Carrie urges Gold Democrats to make nominations—The body of Penn Kyong Han, the Korean statesman, exhumed at Washington.

MONDAY, AUG. 16.

Prince Henri d'Orleans wounded twice in duel with the Count of Turin in France—Another probably fatal stabbing affray in Barber's alley, at the North End, Boston—Lightning caused \$12,000 fire in Newport, R. I.—Lightning destroyed the old Luckin Trull place in Tewsbury, Mass.—Quiet among the striking coal miners of the Pittsburgh district—Blaze in Baltimore; damage \$60,000—Spanish assassin "Goli" tried by court-martial—One thousand men start from Victoria, B. C., for the Klondyke gold fields—Sudden death of Mrs. Eugene Tompkins of Boston on her husband's yacht at Rockland, Me.—Terrible race riot in Little Rock, Ark.; three killed and three wounded—Protest sent to annex of Afghanistan and English troops advancing—Archbishop Keane denounces newspaper reports concerning himself and the Catholic church—Associate Justice Harlan has served one day longer than old Chief Justice Marshall—Resignation of Captain General Weyler denied at Havana—Otis W. Smith lowered bicycle record from Boston to Springfield and return—Canadians depressed by the defeat of the Government; many in New York—Disruption of the Progressive Democratic League of New York city—New York merchants pleased with the success of their reduced rate ticket sale scheme—Possibility of an enormous cotton crop figured up by an expert statistician—Reverley asked for American Legion of Honor—Hundreds turned away at the great state bath-house at Crescent Beach, Mass.—Boston Central Labor Union votes against restriction of immigration and exclusion of anarchists—Consul General Goodwin accuses Senator Washburn of persecution—Fugitive president of Continental Life Insurance company returns to his home in Hartford to die—Plan to induce Maguire and Ten Eyck to enter the N. E. A. regatta labor day.

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The Glencairn won the third of the Seawanhaka cup races at Montreal—The great Ulica mines at Angel's Cal., are on fire—Waller and Barnaby are tied for first place in the six-day bicycle race at Boston—The annual conference of the American Bankers' association opened in Detroit—The Duke and Duchess of York arrived in Dublin—Insurance Commissioner Merrill has asked that a receiver be appointed for the Massachusetts Benefit Life association—Mayor Wood of Seattle, Wash., narrowly escapes lynching at the hands of a mob of excited miners—The White House there has been strengthened by iron gliders—Great scarcity of seals reported from the Bering sea—Convention of wholesale liquor dealers in New York—No new as yet to the Reed murder at North Adams, Mass.—Child kidnapped in Albany and held for ransom—Japanese battleship Yashima said to be the fastest in the world—Department Commander Dean of Massachusetts G. A. R. has issued his orders for the Buffalo encampment—Nassau will have a royal reception here in the 1—Death of General Swaine of Washington, in whose arms President Garfield expired—Gold being mined by former silver miners—Death of Dr. Rice, city librarian of Springfield, Mass.—Charles E. Cole may be the treasurer of Williams college—Massachusetts prison board commands Charlestown officials and requires the resignation of Secretary Petergrove—Death of John P. Billings, a Maine manufacturer—Low price of silver creating anxiety in Mexico—The Pittsburgh railroad deficit is \$14,000; no successor to President Marcy chosen by directors—Wholesale attack on Manchester (N. H.) liquor dealers by Law and Order League—General Longstreet, 76 years of age, to wed a Georgia girl—Secretary Porter says Secretary Sherman has not resigned.

THURSDAY, AUG. 19.

Atlantic squalor day at Portland (Me.) fair—Smith G. Davis, the Dora Cushman murder suspect, arrested in Montgomery, Vt.—Wade and Sheldon boat Mahony and Nesbitt in tennis doubles at Newport, R. I.—Captain and mate of schooner Olive Pecker murdered and vessel burned at sea—Waller and Barnaby still tied in the six-day bicycle race at Charles River park, Boston—Another big jump in the price of wheat—Archbishops Keane and Ireland and Cardinal Gibbons will settle the policy for the Catholic university—Treasury confident that country has the upper hand of the business situation—Decision on tariff unfavorable to Boston interests expected from the attorney general—Another chapter in the Prokecton (Mass.) G. A. R. controversy—Charles H. Walcott of Lexington, Mass., mysteriously missing—Fifteen-year-old boy confesses to attempting to wreck trains in Lancaster, N. H.—Sound money committee selected 11 men to consider the currency question—Comptroller Eckels discusses currency reform at the bankers' convention at Boston—Glencairn beats Momo in the deciding race for the Seawanhaka challenge cup—Alfred Woodworth and Arthur Lord appointed temporary receivers of the Massachusetts Benefit Life—Towa Republicans nominated L. M. Shaw for governor after a spirited contest—Bomb explosion on departure of President Faure for Russia causes great excitement in Paris—Compressed air motor tried on New York elevated railroad—Hurricane and water-pouts at Rockaway Point, L. I.—Sudden death of Frederick N. Cheney, a Boston broker.

FRIDAY, AUG. 20.

Murders of the captain and mate of the Olive Pecker to be brought to Boston. They were arrested at Bahia by United States consul—Two more arrests in the Dora Cushman case in Vergennes, Vt.—Secretary Sherman made final reply to Japan concerning annexation of Hawaii—Coal operators agreed on a plan for breaking the miners' strike—Manager Wagner of Washington ball teams locked up at Boston for printing bill—One of promoters and two employees of Paris charity bazaar placed on trial on charges of homicide—Sudden death of Mrs. Eugene Tompkins of Boston on her husband's yacht at Rockland, Me.—Terrible race riot in Little Rock, Ark.; three killed and three wounded—Protest sent to annex of Afghanistan and English troops advancing—Archbishop Keane denounces newspaper reports concerning himself and the Catholic church—Associate Justice Harlan has served one day longer than old Chief Justice Marshall.

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PENSION APPLICATIONS.

Large Increase Is Attributed to Hard Times and Republican Party.

Washington, Aug. 20.—Commissioner of Pensions Evans has had a statement prepared on the number of applications for pensions filed since July, 1866. The compilation shows that in July, 1858, applications on pensions aggregated 2859, while in June, 1897, there were 40,169, largely for increases and for widows and minor children. The table shows the number of applications under the general law, and under the act of June 21, 1890, respectively, as follows:

Commissioner Evans attributed this large increase of claims to two reasons. He said that the hard times had made many men apply for pensions who had not previously needed them, and the other reason he said, is the existence of a general feeling throughout the country that the claims of pensioners would be given more consideration by the present administration than by the last.

"Many soldiers," he said, "felt that the Democratic administration would not allow their pensions however just they might be, and in this way thousands of applications were held back until now.

We are simply getting the accumulation of a long period, and the work of receiving these applications and filing them away keeps many clerks busy. I believe the high watermark of pensions has been reached, and that now the number of applications will begin to decrease."

Weyler still in Cuba.

Havana, Aug. 19.—Captain General Weyler denies that he has resigned or that he has any present intention of resigning. La Lucha demands the dismissal of the bishop of Havana as a rebuke for his failure to respond in a patriotic manner to the request of the queen regent for appropriate funeral ceremonies in memory of Premier Canovas. The bishop absent himself from the pulpit and neglected to designate a worthy preacher for the occasion. At the last moment Captain General Weyler designated an army chaplain to preach the funeral discourse. The bishop's refusal is attributed in some quarters to his desire to protest against a recent measure for cutting down the salaries of ecclesiastics of Episcopal rank.

Weekly Crop Bulletin.

Boston, Aug. 19.—A sea tragedy which

in all its horrible details seems likely to equal to the Herbert Fuller murders, has been enacted upon board another Boston vessel. On Sunday, June 27, there sailed from this port the three-masted schooner Olive Pecker, commanded by Captain J. W. Whitman, with a cargo

of 67,588 feet of pine and 81,

030 feet of spruce lumber, for Buenos

Ayres, Argentina. The vessel was de-

signed, however, never to reach the South

American port, and the murder of the

captain and First Mate Saunders,

and the destruction of the vessel

by fire, was cabled to this city by a

banking firm in Buenos Ayres.

The cargo was shipped by the Export

Lumber company. A strange coinci-

dence in connection with this latest sea-

tragedy is the fact that the same own-

ers sent out the bankrupt Herbert Full-

ler, when he left here for Buenos

Ayres on her terrible voyage. Captain

Whitman is spoken of in the highest

terms by the owners of the vessel. He is

well known in this city as a most cap-

able navigator, and has been in com-

paign of the Pecker for the past two

years. He was formerly master of the

schooner Hattie A. Marsh.

Will be sent to Boston for trial.

Buenos Ayres, Aug. 20.—Only mea-

sures of the murders at sea on board the

three-masted schooner Olive Pecker

have as yet been received here. The

crew of six men are at Bahia; over 1000

miles distant, and will be sent to the

United States for trial at the earliest

possible moment. They are:

William Horburg, engineer, who acted

as second mate at sea.

J. Anderson, cook.

Samuel Andrew F. March, Manuel

Barratt, John Lend and M. Bartlett.

The men arrived in Bahia May 11,

yesterday night in the schooner's boats, and landed immediately. Lend and his companion were denounced by the other four, and were at once arrested, after a report of the affair had been made to the United States consul.

The tragedy occurred about 125 miles

off the South American coast, probably

on Friday night. Lend had been the

grumpler of the crew during the entire

voyage, and had succeeded in causing

some complaint among some of the other

men, although none but his companion in

crime were ready for mutiny.

Lend and his companion, according to

the telegrams received here from Bahia,

crept to the cabin while Captain Whitman

and First Mate Saunders were

asleep and killed them in their bunks.

They then kindled a fire in the after hold.

It was only when the schooner was in

flames that the remainder of the crew

knew anything of the tragedy, and when

the alarm was given there was barely

time to take to the boats, the captain and

first mate being missed only as the

party left the burning vessel.

During the long ride over the tropical

seas, seeking a port, the four faithful

members of the crew forced a confes-

sion from Lend and his companion. The

four were satisfied from the "mann-

er of the blaze," and the fact that there

was nothing combustible kept where the

fire started, that some one of the crew

had set it, and Lend was openly taxed

with the commission of the crime. Fin-

ally he and his companion admitted their

guilt, and made a full confession.

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Portland, Me., Aug. 20.—The chief

topic of conversation in the city is the

Olive Pecker tragedy. The mariners

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Lector's hour was occupied with readings from the Pomona Gazette, some of which were original, followed by vocal solos from Misses Lottie M. Manchester, Alice Sobelge and W. M. Philip H. Wilbur and a paper read by John A. Hathaway subject, "How much, and what should a farmer read?" On motion of Herman E. Peckham it was voted to meet with the members of the Aquidneck grange the third Tuesday in October. It was voted to celebrate Field Day at Sciacourt Farm this year, the date fixed being Wednesday August 26th, and an invitation was extended to all grangers. Captain F. A. Wilcox was appointed a committee to attend to the transportation. A vote of thanks was accorded to Nonquit Grange for the cordial reception and pleasing entertainment received. An invitation by L. L. Sherman of Portsmouth was given to the members to attend the Portsmouth Fair, to be held next month and to compete for premiums. Nathaniel Peckham, in a closing address, urged the Grange members to put their shoulders to the wheel and help one another to work for the conscientious reward of having worked for the benefit of mankind, to which State Master Tillinghast responded by urging the members of the grange to let the words of Bro. Nathaniel Peckham sink deep into their hearts and ever persevere in the grand and good work being done by the grangers throughout the country. Visitors were welcome from Lime Rock Grange, Cumberland Grange No. 2 and Providence County Pomona Grange.

James M. Manchester and his two sons started our Friday morning of last week to gather bucklesberries. When near the high rock west of the David Durfee homestead, Mr. Manchester saw four rattlesnakes. One had thirteen rattles, two had ten rattles each and one had five. The largest snake was over four feet in length. Mr. Manchester tried to take them alive, but was unsuccessful in drawing them out of the rock, the rope he used not being strong enough for that purpose.

Mrs. A. M. Arnold of Fairhaven is the guest of Mrs. M. T. Fuller.

Mrs. Charles E. McBurn of Brighton is the guest of John T. Cooke and family.

Mrs. Samuel Rose and two children left town last week to visit Mrs. Rose's parents in Vermont.

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Mr. Alfred Clark of Concord, N. H.; Mrs. Samuel Wilkins of Brooklyn, the Misses Gould, Miss Cornelia Smith of East Orange, N. J., and Mrs. C. W. Baldwin and family of Orange, N. J., and Mrs. C. A. Dean of Bridgeport, Conn., are the guests of Follen Beebe and family.

Mrs. Stanley of New Bedford is the guest of Mrs. George Gray.

Dr. and Mrs. Jacoby of Franklin are the guests of Mrs. Philip W. Almy and son.

At the monthly meeting of the court of probate and town council the following business was transacted: Accounts of Mrs. W. Wilbur on the estate of Mrs. S. Gray allowed. Citation of Mrs. Sadie P. Liscomb returned, and it was ordered that Mrs. Liscomb be adjudged in contempt. Will of Mary H. Wilber proved and Charles F. Wilber appointed executor. Inventory on the estate of Loring Palmer approved. Petition of J. A. Petty for leave to move a windmill through the highway was granted. Bills allowed: Samuel Jennings, labor on town cemetery, \$1.39; J. F. Pierce, on by-gate road, \$12.03; J. F. Pierce, on highway, \$21.68; F. H. Brownell, tax book, \$1.60. Voted to allow surveyors \$25 each on their respective districts.

At the meeting of the town council Joseph H. Pierce, Ernest L. Manchester, Warren C. Manchester, George T. Howard and Abram Head were appointed special constables to prosecute persons violating the law against gunning on Sundays.

Mrs. Stanley of New Bedford is the guest of Mrs. George Gray.

PORTSMOUTH.

Monday last witnessed the most severe tempest that can be remembered on this island. The lightning struck in many places, and the fall of rain was a heavy one. At the house of Mr. Walton T. Sherman the lightning entered every room on the south end of the house, doing considerable damage. It seemed almost miraculous that none of the inmates were injured. The lightning killed a pony at Mr. A. J. Carpenter's, and struck Mr. P. H. Powell's horse stable, also the barns and a cherry tree at Mr. W. H. Hughes. There was a heavy shower at the north part of the island on Wednesday evening, the roads being badly washed.

Mr. E. R. Anthony, Collector of Taxes, for the convenience of the tax payers will be at the store of Robert W. Anthony, on Friday, Aug. 21st from 9 a.m. to 12 m., to receive taxes, and at the store of A. G. Manchester on Saturday, Aug. 22nd, from 9 p.m. to 9 p.m., to receive taxes.

As per vote in the April town meeting 1897 all unpaid taxes on and after Oct. 1897, shall be collected according to law.

Miss Mary E. Young of Fall River is the guest of John T. Cook and family.

Mr. and Mrs. George Goro and daughter Hazel of Cambridgeport are the guests of Mrs. Edward Cory.

Russell Jewett of Cambridgeport is visiting his aunt, Mrs. Mrs. W. H. Manchester and family.

Miss Rose Farkin of Pawtucket is the guest of Mrs. Thomas Kearns.

Mr. and Mrs. Shurtleff and family of Taunton are occupying a summer cottage near the depot.

Mrs. Maria Wilbur of Fall River is the guest of Mrs. W. H. Manchester and family.

It is estimated that the recent storm damaged the roads to the extent of \$500.

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BY VINTAGE, on June 1st, A. D. 1897, in the County of Newport, and in the City of Newport, and in the towns of Middletown, on the third Tuesday in October. It was voted to have a Grange Field day at Sciacourt Point on the 25th of August, if stormy, the next fair day.

The clambake given by the Christian church, in Southwick's Grove, on Wednesday proved one of the best ever given and was a financial success. The only report was that they ran short of supplies and they hope to double to meet the wants of all next time.

Portsmouth Grange P. of H. will hold its second fair in Oaklawn Hall, on Sept. 14, 15, 16, 17.

A lady passing the soap factories at Stratford every day always carried with her a bottle of lavender salts. One morning an old farmer was traveling in the same compartment. Soon the whole carriage was filled with a horrible soap odor, and the lady opened her smelling bottle. The farmer stood it as long as he could, then leaned forward and shouted, "M'man, would ye mind puttin' the cork in that 'ere bottle?"

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